

GrammaTech CodeSurfer

☞ Code analyzer tool with unique technology

– Program Slicing

- Highlights code relevant to understanding a particular issue
- Does impact analysis

– Pointer Analysis

- Tracks loads and stores via pointers
- Takes indirect function calls into account

☞ Typical uses

- Reverse Engineering
- Safety/Security Auditing
- Debugging
- Documentation

CodeSurfer (Cont'd)

Automates common tasks

- Trace the flow of data backward and forward through code
- Display what variables a pointer can point to
- Highlight code that affects selected statement(s) and/or variable(s)
- Display the call graph, including calls through function pointers
- Determine the impact of possible code changes
- Extract detailed program information for documentation

API for customization and batch processing

Works on C

- Beta version of CodeSurfer for C++ will be released 2003-Q4

Users

- NASA (MSFC), Mitre, MIT, Thales, Network Associates, others...

Buffer-Overrun Detector

Statically finds buffer overruns

- Plug-in to CodeSurfer
- Current prototype developed with University of Wisconsin

Technique based on Wagner's research at UC Berkeley

- Examine program's structure
- Build constraints for the ranges of buffer size and subscript values
- Solve for ranges and flag unsafe cases

Found:

- 15 overruns in **WU-FTP** that will be fixed in next release
- 7 overruns in **CLIPS**